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FROM CAPTAIN CHARLES SMITH.

FORT LOUDOUN Novembr. 16th. 1758

DR. SIR

I Receivd Yours the 30th of Octr. Likewise one of the 5th. Inst. that of the 30th. mentions Supplying Expresses with money that I have Done Allways Allso. I have Convinced the Governer that what Davis told him was Entirely falce —

Your Letters I allways Distributed Likewise Yr Trunk with 20 Bushels. of havie, I have sent to Colo. Carlyle which I have Receivd. his Answer —

According to Yr. Orders of the 5th. Inst. I have mad out my Pay Rolls for Subsistance & Working Pay Ready to Settle with Mr. Turner when comes from WmSburg —

I am not able to give You a full Accot. of the Sum yr. Blacksmiths has Earnt yet but with Great Care & Driving I am Pretty Sure I Shall make them Earn one Hundred Pounds Cleare in a Year —

Your Waggoner John is come to me with a Sad Complaint against hardwick he says hardwick beats him & Abuses him at Shutch a Rate he Cant Stay with him & hinders him from Takeing Care of Yr. horses by the Reason. of his takeing in Sundry horses belonging to Sundry People to Winter, I have sent John home again to his business & Declair'd I

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would Informe You of the Matter, John has Apply'd to me for Money to Get him Cloathes for the Winter I let him have Twenty Shillings & Did not Care to let him have a Great Sum untill I new Yr. Pleasure —

Sergt. Wilper Sends his Returnes to me & Desires to know in what Manner himself & Detachmt. under him is to be Paid or who to Apply to, as there Chiefly naked for Shoes & Stockings, I have sent an Axact Returne of this. Garrison Inclosd. Yr. Man Peter is takeen very ill with the flooks, but I hope no Danger — I am in hast & no more to add, but Dr. Sir I wish You Safe Returne at this Place again, & believe I am Yr. Friend & Very Humble. Servt.

CHS. SMITH —

N.B. Colo. Wood & Colo. Hite & all Yr. Friends about Town Desires to be Remembered to you,

C.S.